

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow continued operation of an existing water withdrawal from the South Fork of the Holston River and Taylor Spring for public water supply near the Town of Marion in Smyth County., Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **April 24, 2014 to May 23, 2014.**

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Thomas Bridge Water Corporation; 586 Thomas Bridge Road, Marion, Virginia 24354; VWPP No. 13-1017

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Thomas Bridge Water Corporation has applied for a new permit to continue operation of an existing water withdrawal from the South Fork of the Holston River and Taylor Spring in Smyth County, Virginia for public water supply. The South Fork of the Holston River intake, into which Taylor Spring flows, is situated near the entrance to the Thomas Bridge Water Corporation water treatment plant, which is located on the southwest side of Thomas Bridge Road, approximately five miles southwest of Marion, Virginia. The draft permit proposes a daily maximum withdrawal of 0.95 million gallons and a maximum annual withdrawal of 179 million gallons. The draft permit also authorizes temporary stream impacts to the South Fork of the Holston River in order to replace the existing intake screens. Withdrawal from the intake on the South Fork of the Holston River is restricted by limiting the volume of water withdrawn to no more than 10 percent of the stream flow, with withdrawals ceasing when flows decrease below 15.6 cubic feet per second. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the South Fork of the Holston River in the Tennessee River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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